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DRY RUN!
THE DECEPTICONS' FORTRESS BASE, PRESENT DAY EARTH.
THA-KUNCH!
"UPPERCUT TO OPPONENT'S JAW, RESULTING IN STRUCTURAL DAMAGE AND DISORIENTATION. TIME ELAPSED: 8.32 SECONDS."

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"OPPONENT RETREATS AND PREPARES TO EMPLOY **PARTICLE CANNON.** REACTIONS **BELOW PAR.**"

"SUBJECT COUNTERS. IMPACT DESTROYS MAIN MOTOR CIRCUITS. TIME ELAPSED: 8.57 SECONDS."

THAM!

"OPPONENT TRIES TO RISE AND FAILS. OPPONENT **HELPLESS.** TIME ELAPSED: 9.25 SECONDS."

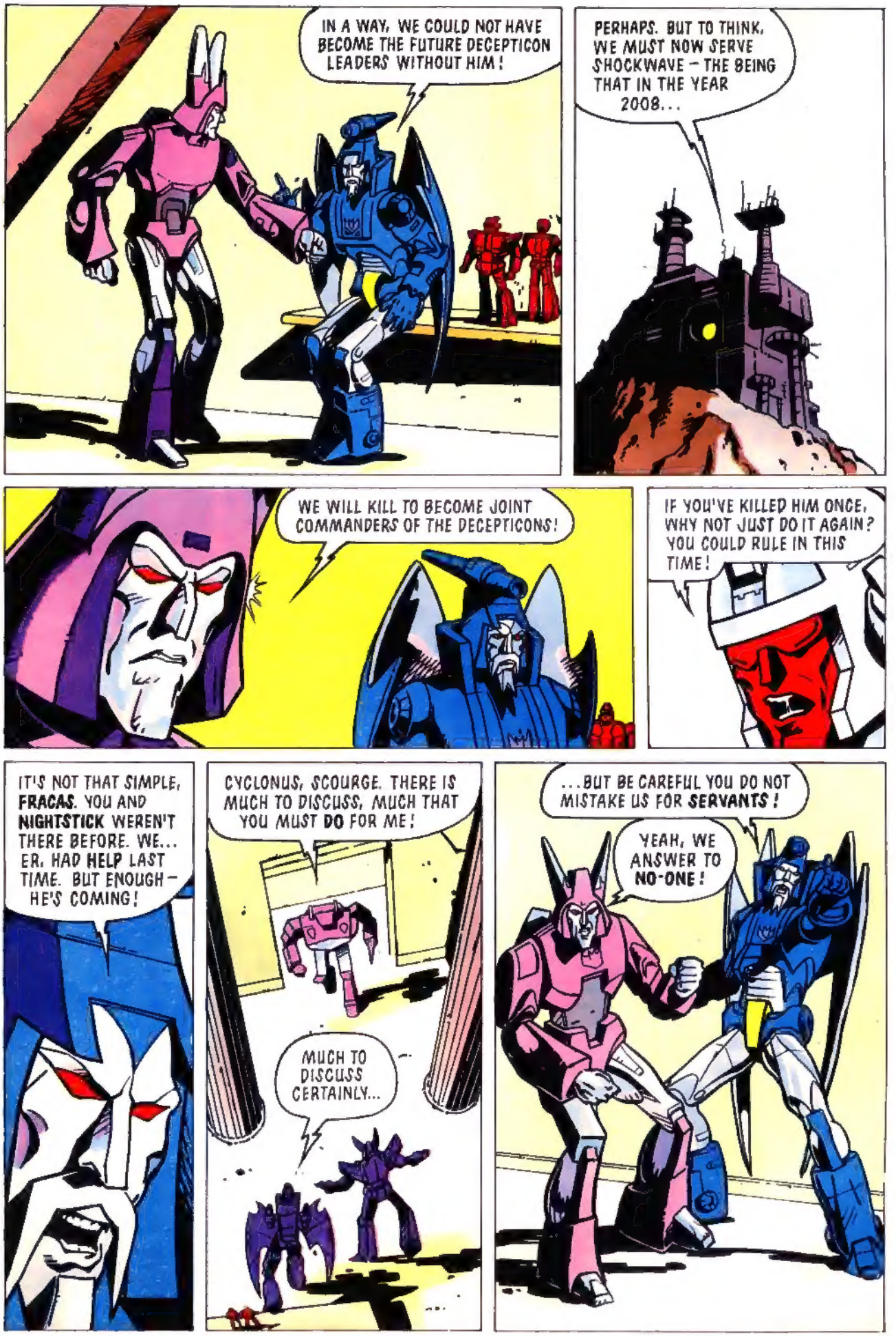
FRADDAM!

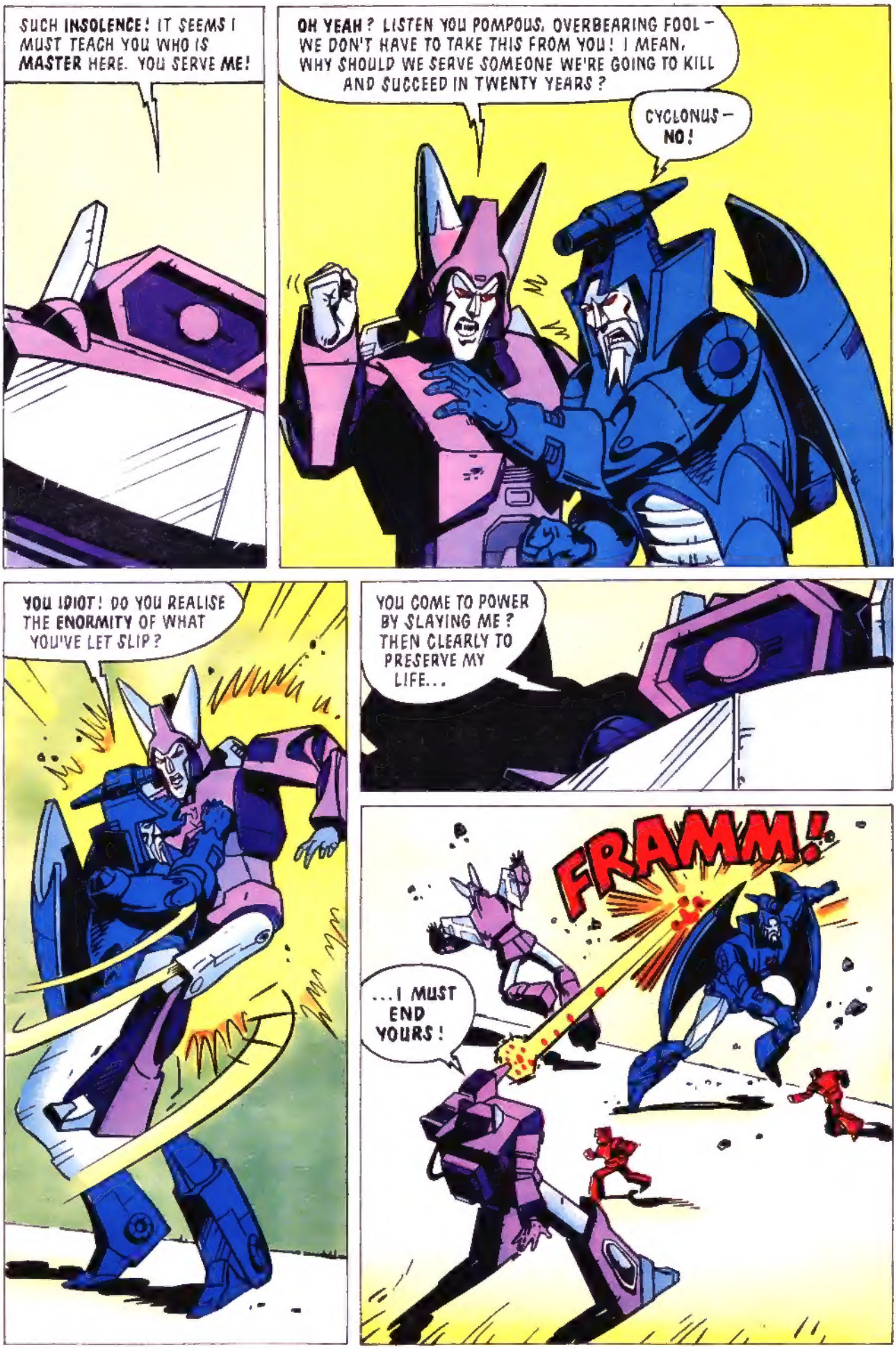
"OPPONENT **DESTROYED.** TIME ELAPSED: 10 SECONDS."

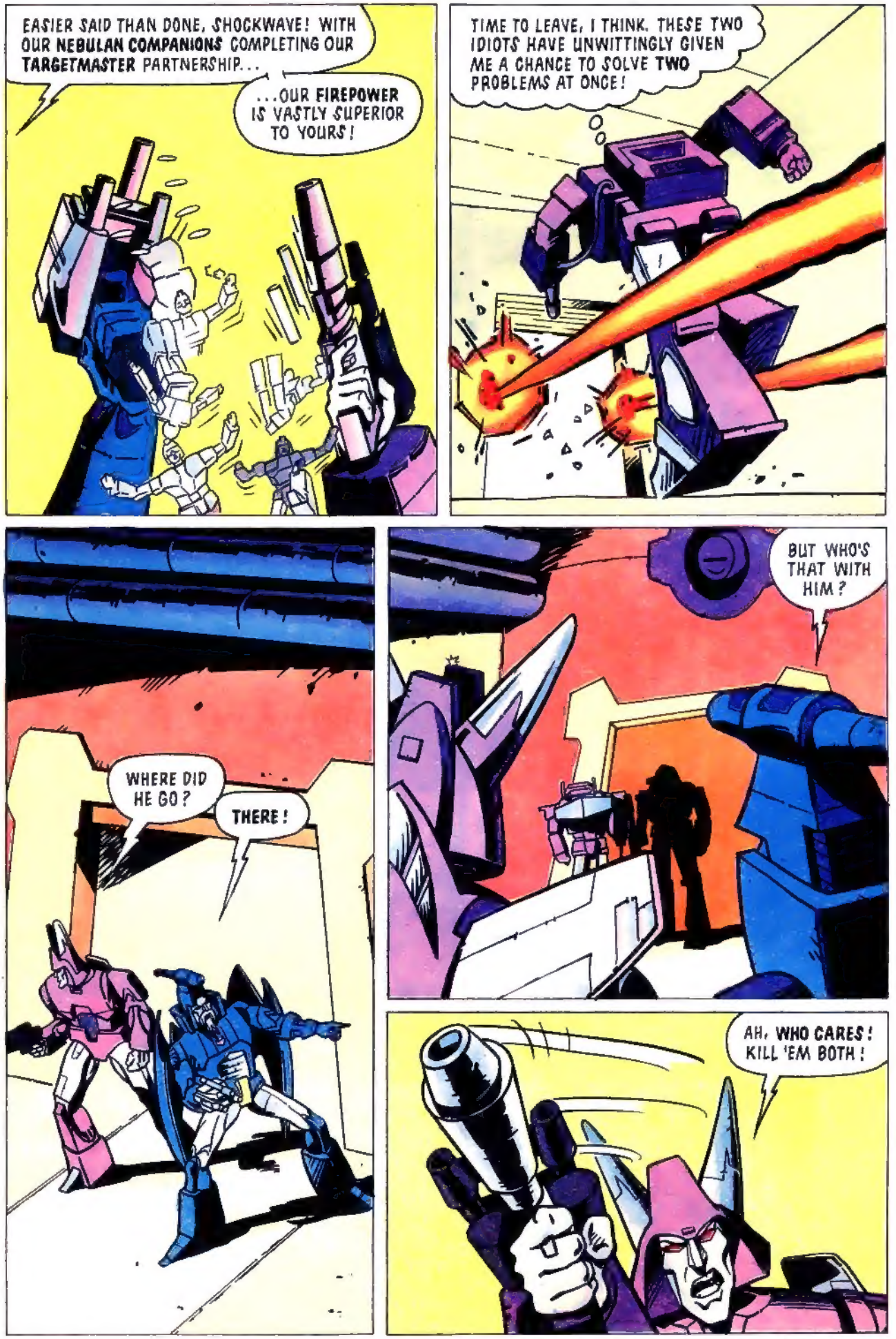
IN EXACTLY TEN SECONDS, THE SUBJECT – FOLLOWING HIS MENTAL PROGRAMMING TO THE LETTER – HAS DESTROYED MY ENEMY, **GALVATRON.**

I AM **PLEASED.** HOWEVER, I WOULD BE MORE PLEASED IF IT HAD BEEN THE **REAL** GALVATRON AND NOT A **FACSIMILE CONSTRUCT!**

GALVATRON! HOW I CURSE THE DAY I FIRST HEARD THAT NAME. HE FLED HERE FROM THE FUTURE, AND NOW MEANS TO USURP ME AS DECEPTICON COMMANDER!
BUT HE WILL SOON LEARN THAT SHOCKWAVE HAS FOUND A MEANS TO THWART HIS PLANS.
IF ONLY I COULD TEST MY AGENT MORE FULLY, AGAINST A TRULY WORTHY OPPONENT.!
BUT ENOUGH OF THIS! OTHER MATTERS DEMAND MY ATTENTION. CYCLONUS AND SCOURGE – TWO MORE RENEGADES FROM THE FUTURE – AWAIT ME IN THE MAIN AUDIENCE CHAMBER.
DESPERATE TO RETURN TO 2008, THEY FOOLISHLY ATTACKED GALVATRON, MEANING TO WREST HIS TIME-JUMP TRIGGER DEVICE FROM HIM.*
THEY FAILED – A POSSIBILITY THEY HAD ALLOWED FOR BY PLEDGING ALLEGIANCE TO ME.
* ISSUES 172/173.
I WAS THEIR FAILSAFE; THE PROVIDER OF SANCTUARY FROM GALVATRON.
TIME FOR THEM TO HONOUR THEIR SIDE OF THE BARGAIN, I THINK.
C'MON, SCOURGE – WE OWE HIM NOTHING!
NOT TRUE, CYCLONUS. IN THE YEAR 2008 WE OWE HIM OUR SUCCESS!


IN A WAY, WE COULD NOT HAVE BECOME THE FUTURE DECEPTICON LEADERS WITHOUT HIM!
PERHAPS. BUT TO THINK, WE MUST NOW SERVE SHOCKWAVE – THE BEING THAT IN THE YEAR 2008...
WE WILL KILL TO BECOME JOINT COMMANDERS OF THE DECEPTICONS!
IF YOU'VE KILLED HIM ONCE, WHY NOT JUST DO IT AGAIN? YOU COULD RULE IN THIS TIME!
IT'S NOT THAT SIMPLE, FRACAS. YOU AND NIGHTSTICK WEREN'T THERE BEFORE. WE... ER, HAD HELP LAST TIME. BUT ENOUGH – HE'S COMING!
CYCLONUS, SCOURGE. THERE IS MUCH TO DISCUSS, MUCH THAT YOU MUST DO FOR ME!
MUCH TO DISCUSS CERTAINLY...
...BUT BE CAREFUL YOU DO NOT MISTAKE US FOR SERVANTS!
YEAH, WE ANSWER TO NO-ONE!


SUCH INSOLENCE! IT SEEMS I MUST TEACH YOU WHO IS MASTER HERE. YOU SERVE ME!
OH YEAH? LISTEN YOU POMPOUS, OVERBEARING FOOL – WE DON'T HAVE TO TAKE THIS FROM YOU! I MEAN, WHY SHOULD WE SERVE SOMEONE WE'RE GOING TO KILL AND SUCCEED IN TWENTY YEARS?
CYCLONUS – NO!
YOU IDIOT! DO YOU REALISE THE ENORMITY OF WHAT YOU'VE LET SLIP?
YOU COME TO POWER BY SLAYING ME? THEN CLEARLY TO PRESERVE MY LIFE...
FRAMM!
...I MUST END YOURS!


EASIER SAID THAN DONE, SHOCKWAVE! WITH OUR NEBULAN COMPANIONS COMPLETING OUR TARGETMASTER PARTNERSHIP...
...OUR FIREPOWER IS VASTLY SUPERIOR TO YOURS!
TIME TO LEAVE, I THINK. THESE TWO IDIOTS HAVE UNWITTINGLY GIVEN ME A CHANCE TO SOLVE TWO PROBLEMS AT ONCE!
WHERE DID HE GO?
THERE!
BUT WHO'S THAT WITH HIM?
AH, WHO CARES! KILL 'EM BOTH!

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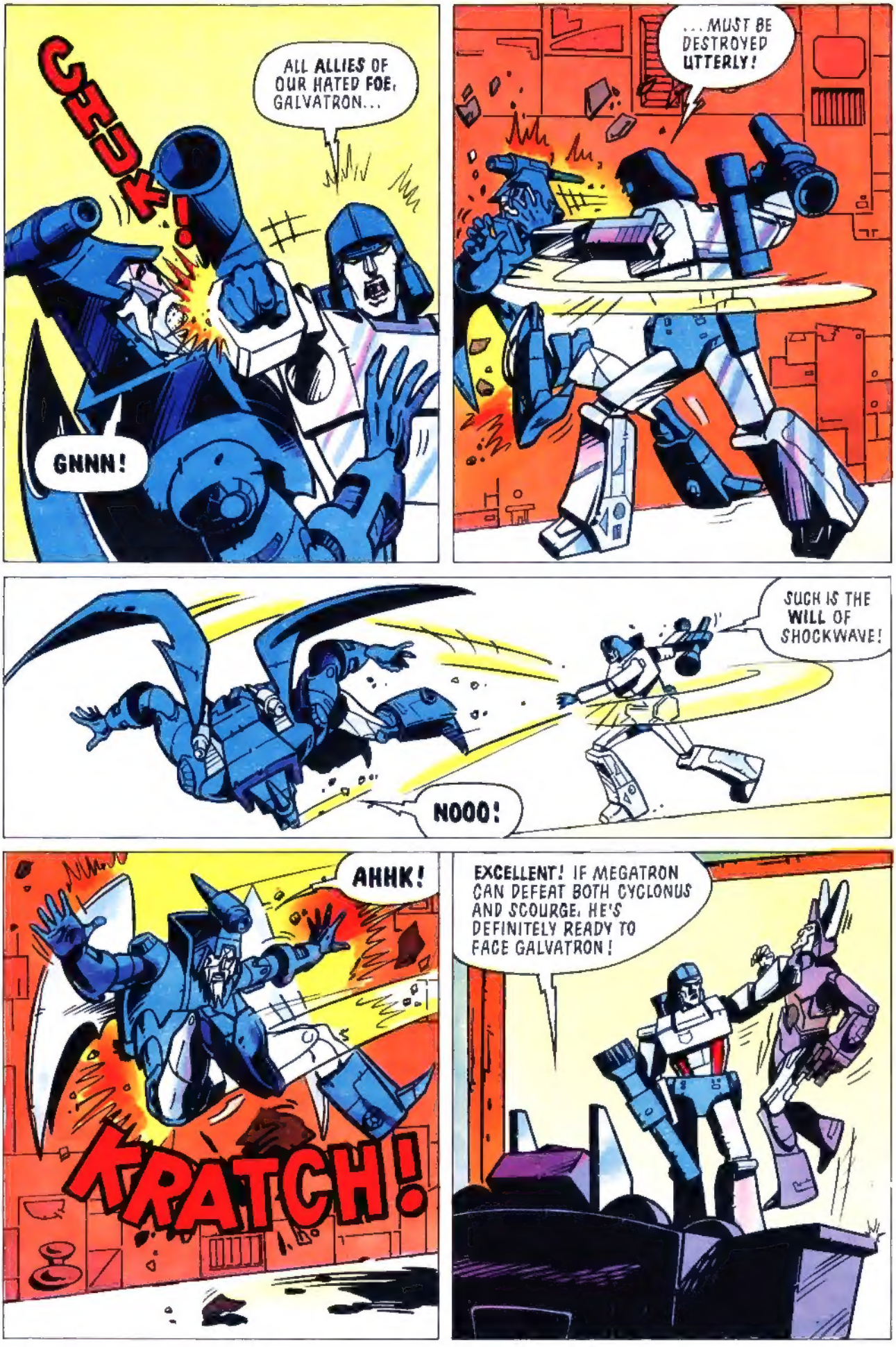
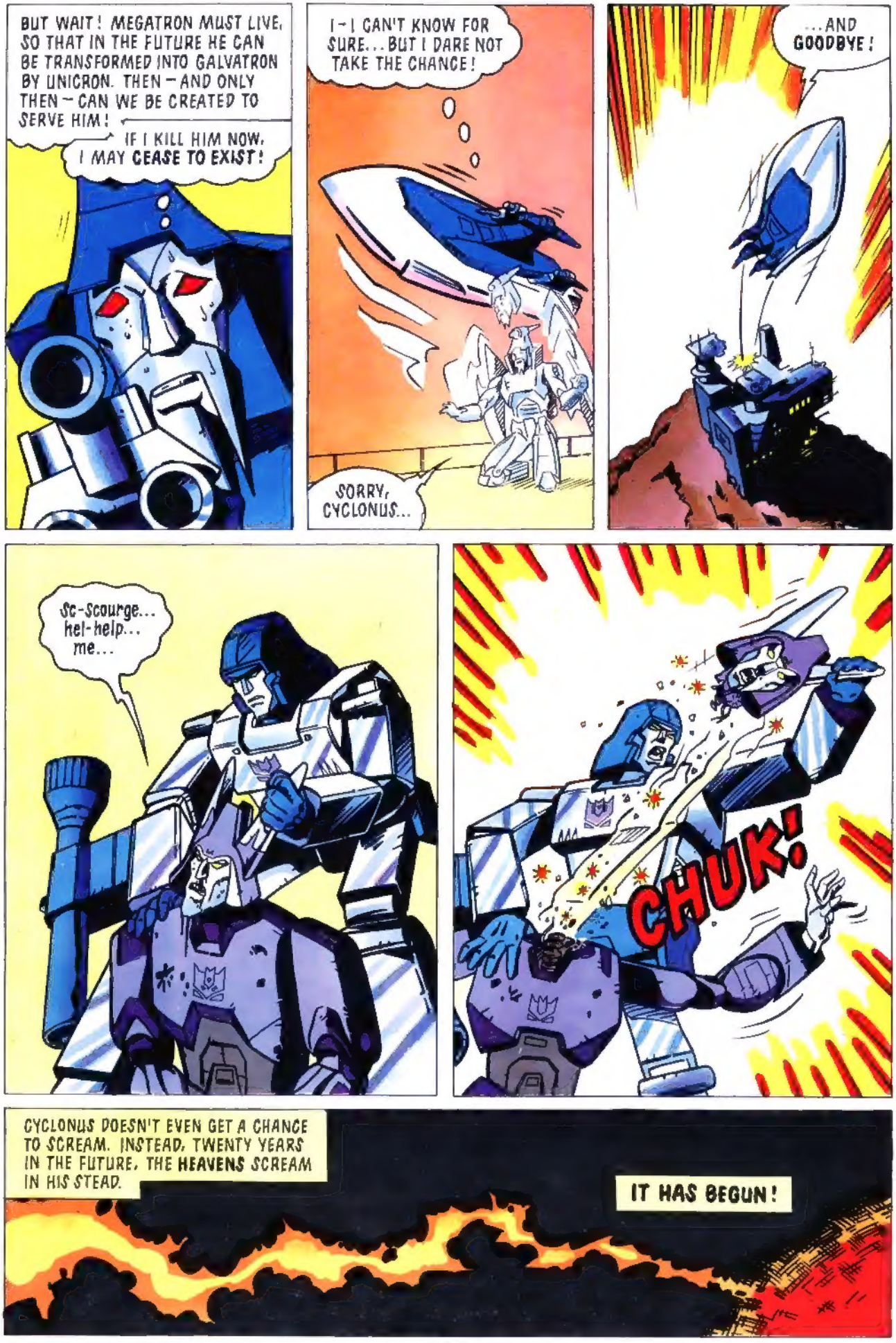
FRAK!
THAAA!
CYCLONUS!
THERE, MEGATRON — TWO OF GALVATRON'S LIEUTENANTS...
DESTROY THEM!
SCOURGE — IT'S MEGATRON! WHAT — WHAT'S HE DOING HERE? H-HELP ME, SCOURGE... I-I'M INJURED...
HELP YOU?! I'M GOING TO HAVE TO DEVOTE ALL MY ENERGIES TO SAVING MYSELF —


CHK!
ALL ALLIES OF OUR HATED FOE, GALVATRON...
GNNN!
...MUST BE DESTROYED UTTERLY!
SUCH IS THE WILL OF SHOCKWAVE!
NOOO!
AHHK!
KRATCH!
EXCELLENT! IF MEGATRON CAN DEFEAT BOTH CYCLONUS AND SCOURGE, HE'S DEFINITELY READY TO FACE GALVATRON!

NOW YOU – UNNH!
AAHK!
YOU DARE TO FIRE UPON MEGATRON? THEN FIRST I WILL CRUSH YOUR GUN...
NIGHTSTICK – NO!
...THEN I WILL CRUSH YOU!
KRIKT!
GUH – SCOURGE, HELP...ME! WHERE ARE YOU?
RIGHT HERE, CYCLONUS. NOT AS DEAD AS MEGATRON WOULD LIKE TO THINK!
GOT A CLEAR SHOT. WITH FRACAS AT FULL POWER, EVEN MEGATRON WON'T SURVIVE THE BLAST!


BUT WAIT! MEGATRON MUST LIVE, SO THAT IN THE FUTURE HE CAN BE TRANSFORMED INTO GALVATRON BY UNICRON. THEN – AND ONLY THEN – CAN WE BE CREATED TO SERVE HIM!
IF I KILL HIM NOW, I MAY CEASE TO EXIST!
I – I CAN'T KNOW FOR SURE... BUT I DARE NOT TAKE THE CHANCE!
SORRY, CYCLONUS...
...AND GOODBYE!
Sc-scourge... hel-help... me...
CHUK!
CYCLONUS DOESN'T EVEN GET A CHANCE TO SCREAM. INSTEAD, TWENTY YEARS IN THE FUTURE, THE HEAVENS SCREAM IN HIS STEAD.
IT HAS BEGUN!

BUT FOR THE MOMENT, BACK ON PRESENT DAY EARTH...
OPPONENT...
...OBLITERATED!
TUNK!
EPILOGUE.
THE TESTING IS OVER, MEGATRON. IT IS TIME FOR THE REAL CHALLENGE.
ACCORDING TO THIS HUMAN BROADCAST, A MECHANOID ANSWERING GALVATRON'S DESCRIPTION IS RUNNING RIOT THROUGH A NEARBY SETTLEMENT.
FIND HIM, MEGATRON. FIND THIS IMPOSTOR WHO CLAIMS HE IS DESCENDED FROM YOU! FIND GALVATRON...
...AND DESTROY HIM!
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